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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Final Office action dated October 14, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Also accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time and fee, thereby extending the time to respond from January 14, 2004 to April 14, 2004. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this response to maintain pendency of the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.